GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to separate the functions of airport management and air traffic control which is presently done by a single agency; and

(b) if so,the details of the proposed bifurcation of airport management and air traffic control functions as finalised by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b) The issue of corporatisation of Air Navigation Services,by separating them from the Airports Authority of India (AAI),has been under consideration of the Government.A Committee headed by Shri Naresh Chandra, former Cabinet Secretary had made recommendations on this count. Subsequently,AAI had engaged a Consultant to advise in the matter.The Consultant has suggested that ANS may be hived off as a separate Government entity in a two step process i.e. in the first step,all ANS activities should be aggregated under a separate Member(ANS) and subsequently be hived off into a new Government Corporation.The recommendations of the Consultant have been examined and found,prima-facie,acceptable.